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TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: VISIT-U.S. ADVISORY COMMISSION

REF: JIDDA 5030

1. MARKS/SMITH APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS IN REFTEL AND CON-
CUR THAT EMPHASIS THEIR VISIT BE SHIFTED TO RIYADH. THEY
NATURALLY AGREE TO ANY APPOINTMENTS WHICH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE THERE BELIEVES APPROPRIATE AND HAVE ONLY ONE SPECIFIC SUGGESTION. LATE IN JUNE SAUDI EMBASSY HERE ANNOUNCED THAT PORTION OF FAISAL ESTATE WOULD BE USED TO CREATE IN RIYADH "AWARD-GIVING FOUNDATION" WHICH WOULD FINANCE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, EDUCATION PROGRAMS. MARKS WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS ON WHETHER HE COULD/SHOULD MEET WITH OFFICIALS OF FOUNDATION TO DISCUSS ITS INVOLVEMENT IN INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGES. IF EMBASSY BELIEVES SUCH MEETING DESIRABLE, PLEASE MAKE APPROPRIATE APPOINTMENTS.

2. THOUGH EMPHASIS OF VISIT WILL BE IN RIYADH, MARKS/SMITH
STILL BELIEVE SHORT STAY IN JIDDA WOULD BE USEFUL. THEY
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WOULD LIKE, OF COURSE, TO LEARN VIEWS OF EMBASSY OFFICIALS

ON EXCHANGES AND WOULD WELCOME OPPORTUNITY TALK WITH RETURNED GRANTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS, LIKE AFME OR AIRLINES, INVOLVED WITH EXCHANGES,

SHOULD SUCH PEOPLE BE AVAILABLE. TWA-RUN SCHOOL OF ONLY MARGINAL INTEREST TO THEM.

3. MARKS/SMITH UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS NOT CUSTOMARY FOR WOMEN TO PARTICIPATE IN OFFICIAL MEETINGS WITH SAG OFFICIALS AND DO NOT EXPECT THEIR WIVES TO BE INCLUDED IN CALLS ON THEM.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS PASSED TO MARKS/SMITH EMBASSY'S CAVEATS RE FIRM APPOINTMENTS WITH SAUDIS AND MEANINGFULNESS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH THEM ON CULTURAL MATTERS. THEY UNDERSTAND PROBLEMS, DO NOT EXPECT MIRACLES.

5. MARKS PARTY DOES NOT PLAN ALTER ETA OR ETD SAUDI ARABIA FROM SCHEDULE TRANSMITTED TO POST IN DEPARTMENT'S 166702. THEY WILL MAKE ON ARRIVAL RIYADH CHANGES IN RIYADH TO JIDDA SCHEDULE WHICH EMBASSY RECOMMENDS IN LIGHT OF PROGRAM ARRANGED FOR THEM.

6. EMBASSY'S REQUEST THAT IT BE INFORMED WHEN VISAS HAVE BEEN ISSUED IS NOTED AND WILL BE COMPLIED WITH. ROBINSON

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